

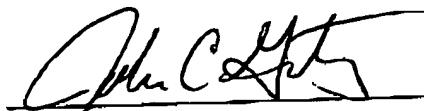
Applicants have included clean and marked-up versions of the pending claims after entry of this amendment with the mailed copy of this Response.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47171-00267USC1) for any fees inadvertently omitted which may be necessary now or during the pendency of this application, except for the issue fee.

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